

## LEGAL AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

### IC.20-8.1-7-9.5

- a) Every child residing in Indiana shall be immunized against:
  - (1) diphtheria;
  - (2) pertussis (whooping cough);
  - (3) tetanus;
  - (4) measles;
  - (5) rubella;
  - (6) poliomyelitis; and
  - (7) mumps.
- b) Every child residing in Indiana who enters kindergarten or grade 1 shall be immunized against hepatitis B.
- c) The state department of health may expand or otherwise modify the list of communicable diseases that require documentation of immunity as medical information becomes available that would warrant the expansion or modification in the interest of public health.
- d) The state department of health shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 specifying the:
  - (1) required immunizations;
  - (2) child's age for administering each vaccine;
  - (3) adequately immunizing doses; and
  - (4) method of documentation of proof of immunity.

### Title 410 IAC 1-1-1

Immunization Requirements. For those diseases listed in IC 20-8.1-7 ( diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, measles, rubella, mumps and hepatitis B), the adequately immunizing doses and the child's age for administering each vaccine shall be those recommended in the current Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics ("Red Book") or those currently recommended by the United States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

### Enforcement through IC 20-8.1-7-10.1(c)(1)

When a child enrolls for the first time in a school corporation, the parents shall furnish to the governing body of that corporation an adequately documented statement of the child's immunizations which shall show that the child has received at least the minimum number of doses for his age as recommended by the official bodies named in Section 1 [410 IAC 1-1-1].

"A child may not be permitted to attend school beyond the first day of school without furnishing this written statement, unless:

- (1) the school gives the parents of the child a waiver: or
- (2) the local health department or a physician determines that the child's immunization schedule has been delayed due to extreme circumstances and that the required immunizations will not be completed before the first day of school. The waiver referred to in the subdivision (1) may not be granted for a period that exceeds twenty (20) days. If subdivision (2) applies, the parent of the child shall furnish the written statement and a time schedule, approved by a physician or the local health department, for the completion of the remainder of the immunizations."